

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for facilitating a transparent service option transition between a first communication device and a second communication device, comprising:

 said first communication device, comprising:

 a processor for establishing a first communication with said second communication device using a first service option, said second communication device identified by a first identification code;

 a storage device for storing ~~an~~ a second identification code also corresponding to said second communication device; and

 said processor further for terminating said first communication and for automatically initiating said second communication with said second communication device using said second identification code, said second communication using a second service option.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said identification code comprises an alpha-numeric code associated with said first communication device for use in communications using said second service option.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said second communication is initiated within a predetermined time period.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

 a receiver for receiving said identification code during said first communication;

 said processor further for storing said identification code in said storage device.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4 further comprising a DTMF demodulator for demodulating said identification code.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

 a countdown timer for determining the time between terminating said first communication and the initiating of said second communication;

wherein a communication from a third communication device is rejected if said countdown timer has not expired.

7. (Original) A method for facilitating a transparent service option transition between a first communication device and a second communication device, comprising the steps of:

establishing a first communication with said second communication device using a first service option;

transmitting a request to transition said first communication to a second communication using a second service option; and

transitioning said first communication to said second communication.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the step of transitioning said first communication to said second communication comprises the steps of:

retrieving an identification code corresponding to said second communication device from a storage device located within said first communication device;

terminating said first communication;

initiating said second communication using said identification code to identify said second communication device.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of initiating said second communication comprises establishing said second communication within a predetermined period from the time said first communication was terminated.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[7]] 8 wherein the step of retrieving said identification code further comprises the steps of:

receiving said identification code from said second communication device; and

storing said identification code in a storage device within said first communication device.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of using DTMF demodulation to demodulate said identification code prior to the step of storing said identification code in said storage device.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said request to transition said first communication to a second communication using a second service option comprises the step of modulating said request using DTMF modulation.
